

THOUSANDS ARE KILLED IN STORM

Western States Visited by Cyclone and Floods—Property Loss Runs into Hundreds of Millions.

Swept by wind and rain storms of terrific violence for three days, vast areas of the middle west, from the Missouri river to the Allegheny mountains are inundated, thousands of persons having been drowned and property losses that will run into the hundreds of millions.

Ohio, Indiana and parts of Illinois and Missouri suffered most severely. In Dayton, Ohio, it is estimated that two thousand persons were drowned, and the loss of life and property in other cities adjacent is appalling. Railroads have suffered twenty-five million dollars in losses, according to yesterday's estimates. In many cases the service has been suspended and may not be resumed for a week. The Norfolk and Western has suspended traffic on its Sciota division.

The storm in this section reached the height of its fury Wednesday night, when the rain poured down in torrents, and caused the streams in the county to overflow their banks. The branches in the vicinity of Tazewell were higher than they have been in years. No damage or loss of life, however, has been reported.

Thomas Tilley was killed near Beech Fork in last Friday's storm. He was working on the road near that place, and a tree blew down, or limbs of a tree, caught him, and inflicted injuries from which he died in a short time.

A number of houses, chiefly small, cheap ones, are reported blown down at Northfork, Keystone, Welch, Elkhorn and other points in that section.

Easter, 1913, will be memorable as one of the most disastrous storm periods in the history of this country.

The disturbances began in the middle west and southwest on Friday morning, when a storm swept over parts of Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi and other states, resulting in loss of life and property. This storm was felt in southwest Virginia with more or less violence. One or more deaths were reported, houses unroofed and trees blown down in this county. The wind was accompanied by hail and rain, but lasted here only a short time, and little notice was taken of it here. On late Sunday afternoon a terrific gale swept several states of the middle west, causing a loss of some 200 lives and millions of dollars in property. Omaha, Nebraska and its suburbs, suffered most. The storm closed a quiet, peaceful Easter Sabbath, and left great destruction in its path within less time than is required to write this article. And so, Easter 1913 takes rank along side of great disasters of wind, fire and flood.

On February 18, 1884, 600 people were killed by tornadoes in Illinois. On May 31, 1889, 6000 people were lost in the Johnstown flood. Mar. 27, 1903, 113 people were killed in Louisville, Ky., by a storm tornado. September 12, 1900, 8000 people killed in the Galveston flood. December 30, 1903, 672 people killed in the theater fire in Chicago.

June 15, 1904, 958 killed in the steamship disaster—General Slocum.

April 21, 1906, 1000 people killed in San Francisco earthquake.

April 14, 1912, 1503 lives lost in Titanic disaster.

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NEWS OF POUNDING MILL

Pounding Mill, Va., March 25. Dr. George Williams returned Wednesday from a visit to his mother and sister, Mrs. Mary J. Williams and Mrs. J. D. Stinson, at Grundy.

Miss Rebekah Davis returned last week from a short visit to her brother, T. J. Davis and family in Cincinnati. Her little 8-year-old nephew, James Davis, returned with her and is having things "his own way" at grandma's.

Mrs. Alex Altizer and daughter, Miss Marybell, attended on Sunday afternoon the marriage of her nephew, Mr. Newt Whitaker to Mrs. Ella Lambert at the home of Rev. Ezra Linkous, "The Gretna Green of Cedar Bluff." Mr. Beavers and Miss Mollie McGuire, of near Laurel, were married at the same time. The marriage took place in the yard and was witnessed by a large number of people.

Peery Pruett narrowly escaped death at the quarry Saturday afternoon of last week by a rock rolling down an embankment. The freight was switched about the time he was thrown under the train. Had he not fallen or rolled under the train the immense rock of several tons would have crushed the life out of him. However, he escaped with a bad cut on the top of his head and a badly cut hand.

Mr. and Mrs. William Shepherd's little child, Clarence, age 3 years, was badly scalded one day last week, when his mother took a dish of boiling water off the stove, thinking the child was in an adjoining room. It's hat saved the top of its head. It's face, hands and breast were so badly burned that it was thought it would die. He is improving and it is hoped that it will recover. Dr. Combs was the attending physician.

John G. Gillespie this morning took full charge of Steele, Hurt and Company's store, J. T. Altizer retiring on account of ill health. We understand that Newt Gillespie, John's brother at Raven, will also help in the store. We predict for the two popular young men a fine business.

J. Powell Royall was here today on legal business and was the guest of W. B. Steele for dinner.

Mr. G. C. McLain received today seven fine Plymouth rock hens and a rooster from Dr. J. H. Smith's pen at Richlands, which is a strain from the Burke's Garden poultry farm.

The Richlands High School and faculty and others will give the play, "Topsy Turvey" at the Odd Fellows Hall here Saturday night. The play is said to be fine. They hope all will turn out.

Squire Thomas was quite busy today, trying a case from Jewell Ridge. A number of persons from that place were present.

Mrs. Tom England has gone to her home at Elkhorn City, Ky., accompanied by her little niece, Clara Lee Hutton.

Mrs. Rosa E. Ward, who has been visiting Rev. G. R. Thomas for the past few weeks has gone away to attend a business college.

Miss Georgie Harris returned last week from Rocky Mount, where she has been employed. She has a nice position at \$75 per month, and is a graduate of Piedmont College. This beats school teaching.

J. Ed McGuire made a business trip here last week. Mr. McGuire became so busily engaged in business affairs while here that he entirely forgot a fine dinner that had been prepared at his step-sister's, Mrs. Steele, especially for him.

Deaths Due to Carelessness.

During the period between the years 1909-1912 inclusive, 230 employees of the N. & W. were killed, 175 seriously and 12,581 slightly injured. In view of the fact that these deaths, misery and suffering was chiefly, if not solely, due to carelessness and therefore could have been avoided, the Norfolk and Western management have organized a Safety Commission for each division of the entire line, composed of employees of the road. These different committees will hold regular meetings to talk over the prevention of accidents in all departments, from the smallest employee up. This is considered a great step forward and one which must necessarily reduce the number of accidents, make railroading less dangerous as an occupation, and make it safer. The N. & W. has a reputation for good management and good management is a good name.

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EDITOR IN TROUBLE; WILL YOU HELP?

Postoffice Department Reads Riot Act, and Unless You "Pass it to Us," Something May Happen.

The Postoffice Department has been straight after the publishers of the Clinch Valley News, threatening to forbid the paper the use of the mails. All subscribers more than one year behind must be discontinued or regular postage paid on each paper. The same order has been issued to all publications. You see, therefore a special reason why we must make April a big subscription month. Not only do we want to start the new year, May 1st, with a clean slate, but we have to. Will you help us out of trouble? We have been indulgent, as all our readers know, but we cannot continue to be if we would. The authorities say we shall not. You must pay us or give us a due bill, else the paper going to you must stop. Help us make April a RED LETTER month. Of course we need the money due us, but whether we do or not is not the question now. Subscriptions cannot be carried if unpaid. We are counting on YOU.

We will do our best to mail statements of subscription accounts due. Send us a small check anyway, to make sure, should we fail to mail you statement.

Raven Items

Raven, March 27.—Arch Gillespie, of Wittens Mills and Frank Hurt, of Tazewell, visited here Saturday night and Sunday.

Charles Gillespie, of Plumb Branch, spent Sunday here.

Miss Estelle Ransom, of Tazewell, visited Mrs. J. C. Preas from Friday until Sunday.

Jim Hurt, of Cedar Bluff, and John Gillespie, of Pounding Mill, made a flying trip here Sunday.

Miss Marjorie Hamilton and Miss Bessie Foster spent Friday night at Mr. Crabtree's at Richlands.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Preas and nephew, Howard Preas, visited Richlands Saturday.

Miss Lola Felty and Miss Lucile Lucas spent Saturday at J. B. Crabtree's at Richlands.

A party of people alighted from the train here Sunday and went to Red Ash to take some pictures.

ATTENTION, VETERANS.

Horsepen, March 25.—Attention, Comrades:—There will be a meeting of the Brown-Harman Camp at Tazewell, Va., on the 19th day of April, for the purpose of selecting delegates to the annual reunion of the U. C. V., to be held at Chattanooga, Tenn., early in May, and to ascertain the number of the old soldiers of the camp who desire to attend the great reunion of the Blue and the Grey, to be held on the battle field of Gettysburg on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th of July next. It is important that we meet and make the arrangements necessary for this great love feast—that we may know those who desire to attend and are not financially able to pay their transportation and provide themselves with uniform and blouse. So be prompt in attending this meeting.

Jas. P. Whitman, Commander.

Benbow Items

Benbow, Va., March 26.—Jack Pendleton is visiting his friend, Mr. Allen Buchanan this week.

Mr. George Bryant, who has been sick for three weeks, is still very low. He is very old and his recovery is not looked for.

Mr. John M. Hines, of Bluefield, spent Easter with William Walk at this place.

Miss Sue George, of Albany, Mo., and her uncle, Haynes Buchanan, of this community, are spending the week with friends and relatives in Smyth county. Miss George has many friends and relatives in this valley, who are glad to have her with them, and to see her looking so well.

Mr. Oscar Catron, a very aged man, died near here last week. Our best informants say he was about 104 years old.

The storm was very severe in this section last Friday. The greatest damage was to fences, hay and fodder stacks, which were scattered to the four winds.

Death of James T. Peery

James T. Peery, one of the best citizens of this county, died at his home in Burke's Garden Wednesday morning at 1 o'clock, after a brief illness of pneumonia, supposed to have been contracted on his trip to Washington to attend the inauguration. Besides a wife he leaves three sons and one daughter, viz: Messrs. Ernest, Stephen, Henry and Miss Mamie Peery. His brothers are M. L. Peery, North Tazewell; John G. and Edward, Ceres, Virginia. Two sisters survive, Mrs. John H. Greever, now of Texas, and Mrs. Cass Groseclose, of Lexington, besides a large number of relatives in this county, where he had a wide connection.

The funeral and burial services took place yesterday, in Burke's Garden.

Mr. Peery was a consistent and worthy member of the Lutheran church, a progressive and successful farmer and a useful citizen, and will be greatly missed. His wife was Miss Josephine Peck, of Graton, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Peck. His wife and children have the deepest sympathy of the entire community in the loss of a kind husband and honored father.

A Pleasant Afternoon With Miss Kendrick

On Saturday afternoon, March 22, 1913, Miss Geraldine Kendrick entertained the Junior Girls' Rook Club, which is composed of twelve merry, charming little High School maidens.

Progressive ruck was played and greatly enjoyed, as was evidenced by joyous exclamations and silvery peals of laughter at frequent intervals. The dainty, hand-painted tallies and score-cards (executed by the young hostess), were symbolic of Easter, and were very beautiful and original. At a late hour delicious refreshments were served.

The club's next meeting will be with Miss Nancey McBride.

LIME KILN FACE.

W. T. Atwell, Thompson Valley, was here yesterday on business, and dropped in to leave \$1.00 for a new subscription. Atwell sat up all night Wednesday night, in the rain, looking after a big lime kiln he is burning on Stuart Thompson's farm, and his looks clearly indicated that he had "slept out". The kiln will turn out about 30,000 bushels of lime. Here is an example that might be profitably followed by other farmers.

Burke's Garden Items

Burke's Garden, March 25. The severe cyclone and rain storm, which passed through the country on last Friday morning did a great deal of damage here. Trees, fences, hay and fodder stacks and everything in the path of the storm was badly damaged. Quite a number of apple trees were blown down, 26 being demolished in A. M. McGinnis' orchard and eleven in M. Cassell's orchard. D. G. Heninger's barn was blown over. Six hay stacks on R. M. Lawson's farm were blown over and most of the hay was blown entirely away.

Rev. R. R. Sowers, of Salisbury, N. C., who has recently been called as pastor of the Lutheran churches here and at Tazewell, will preach here next Sunday.

G. A. Gibson, of Thompson Valley, spent Sunday at N. W. Stowers.

C. H. Greever is visiting his daughter at Bland Courthouse.

Shawver Mill Items

Shawvers Mills, March 26. Miss Minnie Kinser entertained a number of her friends last Sunday, among the number present being Misses Cora Hicks, Mary Hicks, Georgie and Daisy Thompson.

Misses Ann Davis and Della Leffel were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Gregory last Sunday.

Earl Pruett, a student of Tazewell High School, spent Easter with homefolks.

Mrs. Julia Leffel and daughter spent Easter with Mrs. Pearl Mullins at Tazewell.

The school closed last Thursday.

The Sunday School at Chestnut Grove will be reorganized next Sunday. Everybody invited.

The storm last Friday damaged Clear Fork to a large extent. Richard Gilliam returned home last Saturday from his work.

FATHER AND SON TO PAY PENALTY

Last Chapter in Allen Cases Close Today by Electrocutation This Evening at Penitentiary.

A telegram from Richmond this morning states that the electrocution of Floyd and Claude Allen did not occur this morning but has been postponed until 4 o'clock this afternoon. The cause of the postponement is not known.

ALL'S WELL.

An interested friend asks: "Now, that the gardening and cropping season is here, are all your garden and farming tools in place and in good shape?" The editor thanks his good friend for his interest in the matter named, and is sorry to have to answer, no. Several of his implements are missing, and one or two others that were loaned out came home in a rather delapidated condition.

Have to Change His Views.

(Editorial.) For once Alfred B. the irrepressible, will have to repress some certain views which he holds when he writes for the Virginian. The wildest charger will some time or other find somebody who can ride him.

Many sufferers from rheumatism have been surprised and delighted with the prompt relief afforded by applying Chamberlain's Liniment. Not one case of rheumatism in ten requires any internal treatment whatever. This liniment is for sale by all druggists.

Had Narrow Escape.

John White, a tenant on the farm of C. H. Peery, North Tazewell, lost his entire household goods last Monday morning, about 1 o'clock, when the house in which he lived was burned. His family consisting of wife and five children, barely escaped, Mrs. White being quite severely burned about the face.

The fire was discovered too late to enable anything to be saved. Everything was burned, except what they wore. The fire is supposed to have been set from sparks from a passing freight train.

The house was insured, and Mr. White's family were kindly cared for by neighbors.

The Best Horse to Breed to

Vallar 56191, standard and registered, foaled 1910, is by Vice Commodore 2:11; he the sire of 19 in 2:30 list, including the champion three year old filly 1911, Margaret Parish (3) 2:06 1-4, and Magowan (3) 2:10 3-4.

Vallar's 1st dam Tannin, full sister to President McKinley 2:16 1-4, by Robin (2) 2:23.

Vallar is a grandson of Bingen 2:06 1-4, sire of 133 in 2:30, and 10 in 2:10 including Uhlman 1:58. Vallar is a great grandson of Arion 2:07 3-4, Nancy Hanks 2:04, and Axtell (3) 2:12.

Baden, a grandson of Bingen, recently sold at public auction for \$16,000.00. Bingen at 19 sold for \$20,000.00, Nancy Hanks for \$40,000.00, Axtell for \$75,000.00, and Arion for \$125,000.00, the highest price ever paid for a horse.

Vallar is a beautiful bay with black points and large blaze full length of face. He is good size, full made, lots of finish, the finest feet and legs and the kindest disposition you ever saw. That he will transmit size, style, stamina and good looks will not be questioned by those familiar with his breeding, who must call him both royally and fashionably bred for any purpose.

Our most valuable saddle and road horses have come from the "Standard". With the climate, blue grass and a progressive people we predict that Tazewell will become the home of better bred horses.

Vallar will be allowed a few approved mares, early, at his stable at \$15.00 to insure living foal. Mares kept on good pasture at \$2.50 per month and personal attention given.

Vice Commodore's (a young horse,) fee is \$50.00, Bingen at \$300.00, and Arion once at \$25,000.00.

They are cheaper, better looking, more useful—just as fast—and will last longer than any auto yet invented.

For further information address C. J. MOSS, Tazewell, Va.

Local Lines.

The confederate pension board will sit at the court-house on the 9th day of April, next, to amend and correct the pension list. A. St. Clair, Chairman.

The latest figures given show that first reports from the big storm were not only not exaggerated, but fell far short of the facts. Fully 75,000 people are rendered homeless, and 7000 are dead in Ohio alone, and many others will die from exposure and injuries.

Mrs. G. C. Calloway, Graham, has the sympathy of a large number of friends in the loss she sustains in the death of her mother, Mrs. Murrell, which sad event occurred on Wednesday, at her late home in Pocahontas.

March gave a little "moving picture" show of such weather as he has been accustomed to hand out. Snowy and squally and chilly. After so much spring weather this nipped just a little, and made early grass and buds shiver.

Two letters received yesterday containing renewals of subscriptions which expired in February, expressed deep regret for having neglected to renew on time, and offering apologies, etc. Some good folks are beautifully sensitive about paying on time. There are others whose hides are as thick as that of a rhinoceros, and wouldn't take a hint if struck on the head with a white oak maul or one of Henry Kincer's sledge hammers.

A TAZEWELL INDUSTRY.

The Tazewell Manufacturing Company, the bottling plant established by W. A. Scott in connection with his wholesale grocery business at North Tazewell, is growing by leaps and bounds. A car load of the famous "Was-Cott" ginger ale was shipped last week to Norfolk and large shipments are made daily to different sections. Mr. Scott is said to have the most sanitary bottling plant in this section of the country. The pure mountain spring water from which the ale is made is one of the strong selling factors.

Threw \$30,000 in Mud-hole.

"Mercer county is now squandering \$30,000 per annum, that being the amount of road taxes annually dumped into the mud holes in this county, and which is absolutely producing no return and no benefits," says Mr. Boykins, Secretary of the Bluefield Chamber of Commerce, in urging a bond issue. All of this sounds familiar. Exactly such conditions existed in Tazewell for years, but we have gotten out of the mud in many places. Success to the bond issue in Mercer county.

Everything Lovely.

It appears now that everything is lovely in road circles in and around Graham and on Cove Creek, Mr. Wilson, State Highway Commissioner, in company with engineers and road officials, inspected the work on Wednesday, and pronounced it satisfactory, it seems, from report in Graham Daily News in Bluefield Telegraph. The authorities finally decided the contention as to the termination of the road from Cove Creek across East River Mountain. Bluefield wanted this road to end there. Graham begged and plead for it to come there, and so it will.

The St. Clair-Davis-Hockman road was decided upon, and the road will intersect at the bridge in West Graham. This road is about completed to the top of East River Mountain on the south side, and when finished will put Cove Creek within about 7 miles of Graham.

Death of Captain H. Fugate.

Capt. H. Fugate, one of the best known and most popular citizens of southwest Virginia, died in Richmond a few days ago, where he underwent an operation for gall stones and bladder trouble. He was about 70 years of age.

His son, Rev. Henley Fugate, formerly pastor of the Baptist church here, now of Norfolk, Watt Fugate, Denver, Colorado, and two daughters, survive. Deceased lived at Abingdon, and was prominent in the affairs of his county, and besides being a successful farmer had, at various times large interests in timber in this and Buchanan counties. He was almost universally popular, a true Christian gentleman, and his death will be widely mourned.

DR. FRIEDMAN MAY COME TO VIRGINIA

State Has Invited Famous German Specialist to Test His Tubercular Cure at Catawba Sanatorium.

Health Commissioner Williams has written the celebrated physician, Dr. Friedman, inviting him to visit Virginia, and assured him of a most hearty welcome. Dr. Williams has received requests from many parts of the state to urge Dr. Friedman to come. The offices at the Catawba Sanatorium, as well as the patients will welcome him with open arms, and the entire staff, and every physician in the state will welcome the distinguished surgeon, and give hearty cooperation.

Competition Is The Best Seller When You Have Something Good To Offer

Several years ago the Proximity Mfg. Co., Greensboro, N. C. (the largest cotton mills in the South) wanted a quantity of paint for their mills and houses.

After having samples submitted from almost every large paint house in the country, they decided to use the STAG Semi-Paste PAINT, made by Hirschberg, Hollander & Co., Baltimore, Md.

They have to date used over 15000 gallons of "Stag" and are continually ordering more.

Looks like "STAG" gives satisfaction, eh? Next time you are in the market for paint it will pay you to hear Stag Semi-Paste Paint in mind.

Sold by PEERY & ST. CLAIR, Tazewell, Virginia.

Piedmont Business College, Lynchburg, Va.

Monday placed Miss Rothwell in a stenographic position with Mr. Ryan's manager, Mr. Yates, at Oak Ridge, at a salary of \$50 to start. Miss Rothwell completed our shorthand and elementary bookkeeping courses in less than five months time. Wednesday, Mr. Shepherd, a late student of V. C. C., and a former graduate of a business college of Richmond, enrolled with us for a stenographic position,